

# June 25, 2017 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

Please pray for newly ordained Father Kevin Ewing who became a priest forever this Saturday, June 24. May more young men respond to this call to serve God and His people.

Please find on an individual page here in the bulletin the second homily in the preaching series on our participation in the Mass. I'll share these homilies with St. Michael's in the near future.

May God bless you and keep you in His care, and may the Blessed Mother intercede for you,

Father Cibelli



## Parish Office Summer Hours Change

The Parish Offices will be closed on Fridays, starting June 16 until August 18. However, the staff will be on the premises and available for the emergencies and urgent needs of parishioners.

### JULY

#### July 1, 2017

9:00 AM: Fr. Cibelli (1 priest)  
11:30 AM: Fr. Cibelli (1 priest)  
4:00 PM: Fr. Cibelli, visiting priest  
(2 priests)

#### July 4, 2017

NO 6:30 am MASS

#### July 8, 2017

11:30 AM: Fr. Larry, Fr. Cibelli (2 priests)  
4:00 PM: Fr. Cibelli, Fr. Larry (2 priests)

#### July 15, 2017

11:30 AM: Fr. Larry (1 priest)  
4:00 PM: Fr. Larry, visiting priest (2 priests)

#### July 22, 2017

11:30 AM: Fr. Larry (1 priest)  
[possibly concluding at 12:20, if a  
baptism is scheduled]  
4:00 PM: Fr. Larry, visiting priest  
(2 priests)

#### July 29, 2017

11:30 AM: Fr. Larry (1 priest)

### PANGBORN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- ◆ New council website for keeping informed of council news: [www.kofc1365.org](http://www.kofc1365.org)
- ◆ **Brotherhood Council Meetings 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 8pm** in the Council Hall. Our Trustee for 2016-2017 is Cel Shannon. For information, please contact Cel Shannon at [cel\\_s67@hotmail.com](mailto:cel_s67@hotmail.com).
- ◆ **Bingo Bingo Bingo.** Every Tuesday at the **Knights of Columbus Hall (20340 Leitersburg Pike, Hagerstown, MD 21742)** Starting at 6:45 pm we conduct 34 bingo games for the public. Please join us and have fun.
- ◆ Every practical Catholic man over the age of 18 should become a Knight. We need your help. Speak with a Knight about joining our order. .
- ◆ The Pavillion or Hall is available for rental. Please contact us at 301-739-9019.
- ◆ Due to the 4th of July holiday, there will be NO bingo on this Tuesday.

## St. Mary Stewardship Blessings

6/18/2017	Attendance	795
Offertory		\$9,832.82
Online Giving		2,743.20
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$12,576.02</b>
<b>Amount Needed**</b>		<b>\$15,239</b>
**This is the amount of weekly collection that would allow St. Mary to break even for fiscal year 2017		
Poor Box		\$233.05
School Support		50.00
Other		130.00

### The Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism is God's most beautiful and magnificent gift....

We call it gift, grace, anointing, enlightenment, garment of immortality, bath of rebirth, seal, and most precious gift. It is called *gift* because it is conferred on those who bring nothing of their own; *grace* since it is given even to the guilty; *Baptism* because sin is buried in the water; *anointing* for it is priestly and royal as are those who are anointed; *enlightenment* because it radiates light; *clothing* since it veils our shame; *bath* because it washes; and *seal* as it is our guard and the sign of God's Lordship.

St. Mary's offers the **gift of baptism** on the **second and fourth Saturdays** of each month at **12:30pm**. **Baptism Class** is scheduled the first Sunday of each month in the **Conference Room of the Parish Center from 12:30 to 1:30pm**.

It is very important that babies be baptized as soon as possible and preferably within six weeks of birth. Therefore, Fr. Cibelli is offering this sacrament more often. A good precedence would be, as soon as parents begin to announce their pregnancy, to call and schedule their baptism agenda shortly after.

Please keep in mind, Mass attendance is a requirement for the Sacrament of Baptism to occur.

## St. Michael Stewardship Blessings

6/18/2017	Attendance	42
Offertory		\$415.00
Amount Needed** \$749		
**This is the amount of weekly collection that would allow St. Michael to break even for fiscal year 2017		

This week's second collection is for Peter's Pence.



The hosts being used for the month of June have been donated by The St. Vincent de Paul Society.

**St. Vincent de Paul** — Assistance to the poor and suffering is provided through your donations to the **Poor Box**. Anyone suffering through a hardship is encouraged to contact the **SVdP Society** for assistance. Phone **301-739-0390 ext 124**.

The flowers on all the altars are **In Honor of Saint John the Baptist** from a generous parishioner.



### TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE

*Taize* is a style of communal prayer developed in an ecumenical Monastic order in France. It is based on scripture readings, meditative songs, and silence.

ST. JAMES CHURCH  
Boonsboro, MD  
7:00pm  
Friday, June 30th  
Friday, July 28th  
Friday, August 25th

Call (703) 297-5571 for more information

***St. Mary Church Holy Mass Intentions***

***June 19—25, 2017***

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Intention</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>6/26</b>	<b>6:30</b>	All Fathers
		<b>8:30</b>	Louis Maciulla
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6/27</b>	<b>6:30</b>	Vincent Nowowieski
		<b>8:30</b>	All Fathers
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6/28</b>	<b>6:30</b>	Poor Souls
		<b>8:30</b>	Most Abandoned Priest in Purgatory
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6/29</b>	<b>6:30</b>	Vocations to the Priesthood
		<b>8:30</b>	William Hudson & Special Intentions of Catherine Hudson
<b>Friday</b>	<b>6/30</b>	<b>6:30</b>	Harriet Biddle
		<b>8:30</b>	Roseann Ryan
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7/1</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Special Intentions of Normani Wiafe
		<b>5:15</b>	Bill Hudson
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7/2</b>	<b>8:00</b>	Gene Eakle
		<b>9:30</b>	Robert Beharry
		<b>11:00</b>	Jim Shives
		<b>12:50pm</b>	Vocations to the Priesthood

***St. Michael Church 10:30AM July 2, 2017***

Parishioners of St. Mary & St. Michael Churches

Please pray for Father Paul Witthauer, former Pastor of St. Peter Church, Hancock, MD, is now at Stella Maris under hospice care.

Stella Maris  
2300 Dulaney Valley Rd Ste 314  
Timonium, MD 21093

**Readings for June 25 — July 2, 2017**

<b>Sunday 6/25</b>	<b>Sunday Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Jeremiah 20:10-13 / Romans 5:12-15 / Matthew 10:26-33
<b>Monday 6/26</b>	<b>Monday</b> Genesis 12:1-9 / Matthew 7:1-5
<b>Tuesday 6/27</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> <i>St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> Genesis 13:2, 5-18 / Matthew 7:6, 12-14
<b>Wednesday 6/28</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> <i>St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr</i> Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 / Matthew 7:15-20
<b>Thursday 6/29</b>	<b>Thursday</b> <i>Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles Solemnity</i> <i>Vigil: Acts 3:1-10 / Galations 1:11-20 / John 21:15-19</i> <i>Day: Acts 12:1-11 / Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 / Matthew 16:13-19</i>
<b>Friday 6/30</b>	<b>Friday</b> <i>The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church</i> Genesis 17:1, 9-10, 15-22 / Matthew 8:1-4
<b>Saturday 7/1</b>	<b>Saturday</b> <i>USA: Saint Junipero Serra, Priest; BVM</i> Genesis 18:1-15 / Matthew 8:5-17
<b>Sunday 7/2</b>	<b>Sunday Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 2nd Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a / Roman 6:3-4, 8-11 / Matthew 10:37-42

We might find ourselves day dreaming about fresh pastries, a juicy steak, rich chocolate. Maybe we pig out at times on popcorn, chips, candy bars. Or maybe even for some a fresh salad, fruit, or granola sounds more attractive. We need to eat to survive, and our favorite foods often make eating quite enjoyable, instead of just a practical chore.

Sometimes we might be busy and distracted and need to make a deliberate effort to eat. Other times we might feel anxious or depressed and indulge in whatever we might call comfort food. Most kids *need* to eat a lot because they are growing so quickly. No matter what our motive is, one thing is certain: while our hunger may be abated for a time, we will be hungry again – usually in a few hours.

Other times, though, we get carried away. When we pig-out very often we feel like if I just have a few more, then I'll be satisfied. Or maybe we're content with a modest portion but are determined to eat the most exquisite or novel food item we can find. That is to say, sometimes in the process of satisfying our necessary natural hunger we go an extra step, a step too far, and try to satisfy a deeper hunger. Maybe we don't even realize we're trying to do this. We often call stress eating or, again, comfort food. But the reality is that no matter how much I eat, I will never be completely satisfied. It's no surprise that we will be hungry again; but emotionally speaking, we need to realize that food won't fill the longing or heal the pain.

In contrast to this, we consider the Eucharist. By natural food standards, hardly an impressive meal. We're not even talking about using the best bread and wine, much less a sizable portion. And yet this food has the power to satisfy our deepest longings. "Whoever eats this bread will live forever" (John 6:58). No other food we could possibly imagine can make this same claim.

By natural standards, no one walks away from the reception of Holy Communion with their stomach feeling full, but where comfort food fails to truly comfort us, Jesus' Real Presence in the Eucharist, under the appearance of bread and wine, is comfort even in the most distressing circumstances.

Yet how often do we take this for granted? Participating in the Mass and receiving Holy Communion is at the heart of our relationship with the Three Persons of the Trinity, as we discussed last Sunday. The Lord enters our lives in the most intimate way here at Mass.

Today, as we honor the Lord's Body and Blood in a very special way, we must consider those things that are essential for a right relationship with God when it comes to the Mass. These basic practices might be the bare minimum, but open our hearts to be filled with this life-giving food. I don't think they will come as a surprise to most if not all of us, nonetheless, it's important to be reminded of them from time to time. For that matter, if you know someone who happens not to be here today that might benefit from hearing this, don't hesitate to share this with that person.

**The first is to remember that coming to Mass every Sunday is a serious duty.** That we must worship God together in the community of the Faithful is written into our hearts and expressed clearly in the Third Commandment. We must do so on Sunday (including as early as 4:00 pm on Saturday evening) because this is the day the Lord rose from the dead and sent the Holy Spirit upon the disciples on the day of Pentecost. We worship God at Mass because Jesus gave us the gift of His Body and Blood the night before He died and commanded us, "Do this in memory of me."

This obligation – or in other words, a duty that arises out of love in a right relationship, in this case, with God – is so serious that normally speaking the only things that exempt us from this are serious bad health or serious weather conditions that make travel dangerous. There may be other extenuating circumstances that preclude our ability to come to Mass, but these would have to be similarly serious. So I encourage you to ask if you are not sure. But vacation, or even attending Catholic School or CCD for instance, do not exempt us from

coming to Mass. **Simply put, to freely choose to miss Sunday Mass is a mortal sin.** If we were not to come to Mass, how can the Lord fill our emptiness with His Body and Blood?

**We should also ask ourselves, do we arrive on time and stay for the duration of Mass?** It is certainly understandable for parents of very young children if they find themselves arriving a few minutes late now and then. But if I'm so late to Mass as to miss the Gospel, or if I were to leave before the Consecration and the Communion (even if I'm not receiving Communion) I need to go to another Mass, or at least for these major parts I missed, if this is humanly possible. **If this is in my control and I don't do anything to correct it, I commit a mortal sin** (Cf. *Baltimore Catechism No. 3, N. 237 (c)*).

**Do we consider what the proper way is to prepare to receive Jesus in His Blessed Sacrament?** To be properly prepared presupposes not only our **First Holy Communion**, but each time we approach the altar for the Most Blessed Sacrament, **we must have been fasting for one hour prior to reception of Holy Communion** (nothing but water and medicine). So usually it's sufficient to simply stop eating when we get in the car, depending on how long our drive is to church. In addition to this simple one hour fast, **we must have confessed any mortal sin of which we may be conscious.**

To receive Holy Communion without this minimum preparation – to invite the Lord into our heart stained with mortal sin is to mortally sin again and do great dishonor to our Lord who desires a pure throne in our hearts. Confession of mortal sins and this brief fast help prepare not only our souls but our bodies as well so that our hearts can be this throne. This truly is within our grasp. It may take some effort, but we, your priests are here to help you succeed. We priests have to hold ourselves to the same standard, so we are all in this together. Our presence here at Mass, even if we can't receive communion for whatever reason, will help dispose us to making a good confession if that is what we need. It will help dispose us to a strong relationship with God.

Finally for today, **do we give ourselves whole heartedly** or perhaps do we come with our minds on our shopping lists or the party later in the day or hanging out with our friends? None of these are bad things, and for that matter the Lord doesn't want us to forget about them all together. Rather, the Lord wants us to bring our distractions, our concerns, our hopes, to Him, the little things that preoccupy us and the big things that overwhelm us. He wants us to bring them to Him at the offertory, to see in the bread and wine that comes down the aisle everything about our lives. He wants us to place them in the paten and the chalice that everything going on in our life can be offered up to the Lord, so that our lives can be changed, just as the Lord changes bread and wine into His Body and Blood.

**None of this would be possible were we receiving ordinary bread and wine.** In the Eucharistic prayer, the priest reminds the Father (as if He were forgetful!) of the promise the Lord made to us the night before He died. The priest quotes to the Father the words that Jesus Himself spoke when He gave us His Body and Blood, and that same change happens every time we come to Mass. *Now*, after the consecration they only appear to be bread and wine, their substance has changed, the depths of what they *are* is different, even though they still look and taste like bread and wine.

The Lord wants to change our lives, too, by means of this great sacrament. This is how He makes it possible for a bite size host to be able to fill us and give us life. This is why we come Sunday after Sunday, and even more often if possible, whether we are feeling great or crummy or anywhere in between.

Just as we know we have to eat properly to keep our bodies healthy, so too must we acknowledge that we have to worship God at Mass and eat His Body and Blood if we are going to keep our souls and bodies healthy and safe for everlasting life.

**Yes, these may be the bare minimum, but let's do more than check off the box on our obligations.** Let's excite in ourselves a greater love for the Lord, the desire to honor Him and keep His commandments, to do so with great fervor. He tells us His yoke is easy and His burden is light, He will indeed give us the help we need to succeed. Let us turn to Him with all our hearts and ask Him to fill us with this life-giving food.

2017 FATHERS DAY HONOR ROLL ADDENDUM

Acre, Frank  
Acre, Joseph  
Acre, Michael  
Aruta, Joe  
Aruta, John  
Aruta, John J.  
Bailey, Brandon  
Bailey, Hunter  
Bailey, Randy  
Barbitta, Brian  
Barbitta, Frank  
Benfield, Jay  
Benfield, Paul  
Burger, Donald  
Burger, William  
Burger, William F.  
Coss, Luther  
Coss, William  
DiCenso, Fathers  
Dupnock, Andrew  
Evans, Early Sr.  
Evans, James G. III  
Evans, Joe  
Evans, Joe II  
Fahey, Leo  
Fahey, Leo C.  
Fahey, Thomas  
Fahey, Thomas William  
Focht, Eric  
Forsythe, Cyriel  
Gibney, Merle  
Gilbert, Edward  
Grahl, Leo  
Grahl, Norman  
Henneberger, Frank  
Huntsberry, J. R.  
Jackson, Henry  
Jackson, Hezekiah  
Jackson, Joseph  
Jarrette, William  
Jarvie, John  
Kaufman, Mike  
Kaufman, Paul  
Keller, Carroll

Kitzmiller, Roger  
Klezek, Joseph  
Kornilow, Jerzy  
Kornilow, Roman  
Kundrat, Stephan  
Landaker, John  
Lease, Albert S.  
Lewis, Gary  
Lewis, Henry  
Little, Benjamin P.  
Little, Bernard  
Little, Gary  
Little, Jean  
Little, Lawrence  
Little, Philip  
Little, Tommy  
Manthey, Paul  
Martz, Sean  
Mauk, David  
McDermott, J. Donald  
Miller, Walter  
Nastase, Samuel  
O'Brien, Robert  
Palmer, Gorman  
Palmer, J. W.  
Perney, Henry  
Perney, Ken  
Perney, Kenny  
Perney, Nick  
Prado, Charley  
Purdham, Charles  
Resetar, David  
Resetar, Pete  
Ridenour, Andrew F.  
Ridenour, David  
Ridenour, Silas  
Ridenour, Wells  
Rock, Jonah  
Rock, Rob  
Scanlan, Clement J.  
Schildtknecht, Edward  
Susi, Art  
Susi, Danny  
Susi, Fathers

Susi, Galliano  
Susi, Pasquale  
Sydnor, Dana  
Sydnor, Bruce  
Wampler, John  
Wesby, Four Sons  
Wesby, Nathan  
Yeargan, Thomas Sr.  
Zimmerman, Sylvester

Please accept my sincere  
apologies for this oversight.

In addition to being included  
in our Novena of Masses at  
St. Mary's, I will forward  
these names to be included  
in a monthly Mass  
celebrated by Catholic  
Daughters' State Chaplain,  
Father Chris Moore.

Judy Kline  
Catholic Daughters

**If you have graduated**  
**7th grade**

**you can earn**



**at the**

**Knights of the**  
**Holy Tabernacle**



Young men 8th - 12th grade are invited to play  
the **MONEY GAME**

and earn money by knowing your  
**CATHOLIC FAITH**

Sunday, 2 July A.D. 2017 6:30-8:30pm Bosco Room  
2nd floor, St. Mary Catholic Church Office Building

**Feasting!, Fun!, & Faith!**

## News from St. Mary Catholic School

### **Pre-Kindergarten Class has a few openings:**

St. Mary Catholic School is excited to announce a Full Day option (8:15 AM – 2:45 PM) will be available for our Pre-K 4 program.

The Half Day option is from 8:15 AM – 11:30 AM. Students must be 4 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Don't delay because there is a limited number of spaces! Call or email Rachel O'Connor at 301-733-1184 or [roconnor@stmarycatholicschool.org](mailto:roconnor@stmarycatholicschool.org) for an information packet and/or a tour.

### **Still Accepting Applications for the 2017-2018 School Year!**

We offer grades Pre-K 4 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Call or email Rachel O'Connor at 301-733-1184 or [roconnor@stmarycatholicschool.org](mailto:roconnor@stmarycatholicschool.org) for an information packet and/or a tour.

Please take note **Summer SMCS School Office Hours:** Monday – Thursday from 9 A.M. – 2 P.M.

Father,

### **What are the grounds and condition to receive an annulment?**

An Annulment is a Church decree stating that what looked like a sacramental marriage was, in fact, not a sacrament at all. An annulment is not a Church divorce. Divorce is a decree of the civil government stating that I am no longer responsible for what my spouse does. An annulment says that a sacrament NEVER took place. An annulment does not say anything about the legitimacy of children born to such a union. Jesus says, *"I say to you, whoever divorces his wife (unless the marriage is unlawful) and marries another commits adultery."* (Matthew 19:9). Therefore, the Church investigates the origins of the marriage to see if it fits the lawful definition of a sacrament. The Church's definition of the sacrament of marriage can be found in the Code of Canon Law #1055: *"The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life and which is ordered by its nature to the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring, has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament between the baptized."* Every sacrament in order to be valid must contain 4 distinct elements: Matter, Form, Intent, and Proper Minister. If only one of those for things is missing, then the sacramental is invalid and the person is free to engage in a sacramental marriage. Therefore, the Church has established the Marriage Tribunal to determine the validity or invalidity of the sacramental nature of marriages. Some marriages are easier to annul than others. The easiest ones are marriages annulled because of Lack of Form. A baptized Catholic is bound according to Church Law to be married according to the rite of the Catholic Church. Therefore, unless prior dispensation has been gained, a Catholic who is married in a Non-Catholic ritual is in an invalid marriage. Therefore, all that is needed to prove that such a marriage is invalid is the person's baptismal certificate, the civil marriage license, and the divorce decree. The Church will not annul any marriage unless there is a civil recognition that the marriage is not salvageable (i.e. divorce). Proving lack of consent, lack of intent, or any other such grounds requires the Marriage Tribunal to conduct an investigation and make a judgement. For a sacramental marriage, both parties need to be free to be married in the Catholic Church. Therefore, if your Protestant or non-Christian fiancé was married previously, the Church has to be able to prove that they are free to marry in the Catholic Church. So your intended spouse may also need an annulment. If you desire the Church to declare your marriage annulled, consult your local parish priest and he can help you through the process.

*"Ask The Priest" is a continuing feature of the Bulletin. If you have a question regarding the Catholic faith, please place your question in the box on the back table.*